

ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General laws, Chapter 30A, Section 20, notice is hereby given for the following meeting of the:

***Arlington School Committee
School Committee Organizational Meeting
Thursday, April 9, 2015
6:15 PM***

*Arlington High School
School Committee Room, 6th Floor
869 Massachusetts Avenue
Arlington, MA 02476*

Call to Order, Mr. Paul Schlichtman, Chairperson Pro Temore

Nomination and Election for Office of Chair

Nomination and Election for Office of Vice Chair

Nomination and Election for Office of Secretary

Vote to Approve Committee & Liaison Assignments for 2015 - 2016

Vote on Authorization to Sign Payroll Warrant

Per Policy BDA: Standards and Norms of the Arlington School Committee, BDA-E

Adjournment

The listings of matters are those reasonably anticipated by the Chair, which may be discussed at the meeting. Not all items listed may in fact be discussed and other items not listed may also be brought up for discussion to the extent permitted by law.

Stated times and time amounts, listed in parenthesis, are the estimated amount of time for that particular agenda item. Actual times may be shorter or longer depending on the time needed to fully explore the topic.



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Vote to Approve Committee & Liaison Assignments for 2015 - 2016

ATTACHMENTS:

Type	Description
 Document for Approval	Draft Subcommittee 2015 4 9 2015

ARLINGTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEES

April 2015 - April 2016 (DRAFT) updated 4 9 2015

Budget

Kirsi Allison-Ampe (Chair), Bill Hayner, Jennifer Susse

Policies & Procedures

Jud Pierce (Chair), Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Jennifer Susse

District Accountability, Curriculum/Instruction & Assessment

Jeff Thielman (Chair), Jud Pierce, Cindy Starks

Community Relations

Jennifer Susse (Chair) Jud Pierce, Cindy Starks

Facilities

Cindy Starks (Chair), Bill Hayner, Jeff Thielman

Special Study Group on Supt Evaluation Voted 9/26/2013

Bill Hayner (Chair), Paul Schlichtman, Jeff Thielman

Warrant Committee - Proposed 4/9/2015

Bill Hayner (Chair), Jennifer Susse

Expectations of Subcommittee Chairs

Schedule meetings. The expectation is 5-8 meetings per subcommittee during the course of the year (most meetings occur Oct. - June).

Take and report minutes promptly for all subcommittee meetings. Minutes should be forwarded to the Administrative Secretary for the committee for distribution to the full committee.

Report at each School Committee meeting on the subcommittee's work and be sure the full School Committee is aware of the next scheduled meeting.

Work with Administrative Secretary for the committee to post all meetings.

Arrange meetings so that the Superintendent or his/her representative can attend.

COMMITTEE LIAISONS

Permanent Town Building Committee

Bill Hayner

Thompson Building Committee

Jeff Thielman

Stratton Building Committee

Cindy Starks

Selectmen Liaison

Paul Schlichtman

Budget & Revenue Task Force

Paul Schlichtman, Cindy Starks, Jennifer Susse

Five-Year Planning Committee

Kirsi Allison-Ampe, Jud Pierce, Jeff Thielman

Vision 2020 Standing Committee

Paul Schlichtman

Negotiations Committee (AEA)

Jud Pierce, Jeff Thielman

Negotiations Committee (AAA)

Jud Pierce, Jeff Thielman

Negotiations Committee (Cafeteria)

Paul Schlichtman, Jennifer Susse

Negotiations Committee (Unit C)

Paul Schlichtman, Jeff Thielman

Negotiations Traffic Supervisors

Paul Schlichtman, Jud Pierce

Negotiations Committee (Bus)

Paul Schlichtman, Jeff Thielman

School Facilities Working Group

Cindy Starks, Jeff Thielman

Student Advisory Council

Jud Pierce

Arlington Youth Health & Safety Coalition

Jud Pierce

Wellness Committee

Kirsi Allison-Ampe

State Aid Task Force

Cindy Starks

Title IX Committee

Kirsi Allison-Ampe

School Committee Legislative Liaison

Jud Pierce

Supt. Diversity Advisory Committee

Bill Hayner

AEF Board

Kirsi Allison-Ampe

Tourism and Economic Development Committee

Kirsi Allison-Ampe

SEPAC Liaison

Bill Hayner

Green Repair Program at Stratton

Cindy Starks

EDCO Board

Bill Hayner

Civil Discourse Committee

Jud Pierce

SCHOOL LIAISONS

Bishop

Jennifer Susse

Brackett

Kirsi Allison-Ampe

Dallin

Jud Pierce

Hardy

Bill Hayner

Peirce

Jud Pierce

Stratton

Jeff Thielman

Thompson

Bill Hayner

OMS

Cindy Starks

AHS

Jeff Thielman

Town Wide PTO

Cindy Starks



Town of Arlington, Massachusetts

Per Policy BDA: Standards and Norms of the Arlington School Committee, BDA-E

ATTACHMENTS:

Type	Description
 Reference Material	BDA-E Norms and Standards

School Committee: Norms and Standards

We, the Arlington School Committee, acknowledge that a School Committee meeting is a meeting of School Committee members that is held in public and not a public meeting and that we will make every effort to ensure that meetings are effective and efficient. To that end, we acknowledge the importance of subcommittees and we and the superintendent agree to utilize them to focus on specific topics in-depth and to prepare for presentation, deliberation, and possible action by the School Committee.

We, the Arlington School Committee, set forth these Standards and Norms that we will all commit to abide by as individuals and as a committee:

1. Represent the needs and interests of **all** students in the district.
2. Exercise leadership in vision, planning, policy making, evaluation, and advocacy on behalf of the students and district, **not** in managing the day-to-day operations of the district.
3. Conduct our business through a set agenda. Emerging items will be addressed in subsequent meetings through agenda items.
4. Provide full disclosure. Each member will provide input, encouragement, express concerns and positions rather than withhold information from other members. When a committee member feels that there has not been full disclosure, an objective process for revisiting the issue will be used.
5. Maintain an open environment where each member is empowered to freely express opinions, concerns, and ideas. Committee members will work together to clarify and restate discussions in order to strive for full understanding.
6. Keep an open mind and accept that they can change their opinions by recognizing that they are not locked into their initial stated positions.
7. Make decisions on information and not on personalities. Committee members will act with the best information available at the time considering data, the superintendent's recommendations, proposals, and suggestions. Committee members will strive to make the best decision at the time.
8. Debate the issues, not one another. The committee will engage in critical thinking, expecting all committee members to freely offer differing points of view as part of the discussion, prior to making a board decision.
9. Not take unilateral action. A committee member's authority is derived only through a majority decision of the committee acting as a whole during an open, public

meeting.

10. Attend meetings well prepared to discuss issues on the agenda and will be prepared to make decisions, striving for efficient decision making.
11. Strive to have no surprises for the committee or superintendent. All members will receive the same information on all topics in a timely manner.
12. Strive to reach decisions by consensus. Discuss with respect, disagree without acrimony. When consensus is not possible, all members will publicly abide by the majority decision.
13. Understand and respect the chain of command as it concerns roles and responsibilities and direct others to do the same.
14. Review and revise our standards and norms, as needed, as part of the committee's self-evaluation.

Arlington School Committee adoption and approval on March 22, 2012

Arlington Public Schools